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In the Application of Lorenzo Torres

Ser.No.: Not Yet Known (Based on S/N 09/885,563 filed June 19, 2001)

For: METHOD OF PROVIDING AN ESSENTIAL OIL EXTRACT OF CAPSICUM, AND THE EXTRACT

Filed on: September 20, 2002

Art Unit: 1651

Examiner: Christopher R. Tate

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, DC 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING DIVISIONAL APPLICATION

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the entire paragraph beginning on page 2, line 8 through line 15, with the following:

Processing methods for isolation and extraction of desired components from the essential oil may include solid-liquid or solid-vapor extraction, liquid-liquid or liquid-vapor extraction, and supercritical liquid extraction. In some cases both distillation and solvent